

Health Director

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A Message from the Health Director



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Health Director

On behalf of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, I am pleased to share our 2014 Annual Report. This year staff continued to collaborate and work with our community partners, with positive results, in protecting and promoting the public's health.

We had the opportunity to lead a community wide planning tabletop exercise that brought together 113 individuals and 39 organizations to discuss preparations for any potential Ebola case. The Department also launched a Vital Statistics dashboard earlier this year that is very well received as a potential model for others.

Our Food Safety Team conducted 2749 food inspections within risk based intervals and provided 523 onsite consultation visits to over 1300 licensed food establishments. Food inspections are now available to the public on the city website.

Health Department staff partnered with other community agencies who play a specific role in the federal Health Insurance Marketplace. They assisted individuals in increasing their understanding of the health insurance options, applying for assistance and enrolling in a qualified health insurance plan.

Because of the increased number of refugees resettling in Lincoln and seeking initial health assessment services including vaccines, through the Health Department, we were able to secure grant funds to hire a part-time Community Outreach Specialist to increase the health literacy of refugees so they can navigate the local health system effectively.

A Diabetes Specialty Clinic (DSC) was developed in collaboration with Clinic with a Heart, Community Health Endowment of Lincoln, Creighton School of Pharmacy, and People's Health Center. DSC is offered once a month at Clinic With A Heart and serves uninsured adults with a diagnoses of diabetes who need medications to control their diabetes.

Health Department staff arranged for staff to complete our internal Strategic Plan and the Department's QI planning efforts. In the coming year, we will continue to focus our efforts with our community partners on expanding access to care for vulnerable populations and promoting and protecting the environment and the public's health.

Thank you to the Health Department staff for their service, dedication and commitment to the health of the citizens in our community.

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Mission

Protect and promote
the public's health

Vision

A well-supported
public health
system serving all
people to achieve
optimal health

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